

REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following groups:

Group I. Claims 1-12 and 17-42, drawn to "A Medical Device with Struts";
Group II. Claims 13-16, drawn to "Methods of Making a Medical Device"; and
Group III. Claims 43-44, drawn to "Methods of Implanting".

The Examiner further required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following species:

Species A: Drawn to Figures 1, 2a-2b, 5-16;
Species B: Drawn to Figure 3, 4a-4b, 5-16;
Species C: Drawn to Figure 17;
Species D: Drawn to Figure 18;
Species E: Drawn to Figure 19; and
Species F: Drawn to Figure 20.

In response, Applicants elect Group I and Species B. It is believed that claims 1-4 and 11-12 are readable on elected Species B. Applicants fully reserve their right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a subsequent application.

Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants are entitled to consideration and allowance of the non-elected claims that include all the recitations of the allowed generic claim.

No fee is believed due for the submission of this response. Should any be due, please charge any such fees for this submission to Pennie & Edmonds LLP deposit account no. 16-1150.

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